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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: A. Bello
ORNAN A. GERSTEL ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2633
Application No.: 09/886,153)
: Filed: June 22, 2001)
: For: SHARED OPTICAL RING)
: PROTECTION IN A MULTI-)
: FIBER RING) November 22, 2004

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, Applicants elect,
without traverse, to proceed with the prosecution of Species I shown at least in Fig. 3.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the
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Date of Signature

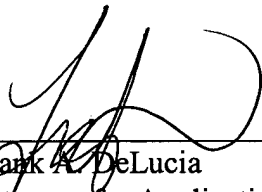
Claims 1-17, 51-58 and 72-86 are believed to read on the elected species.

Claims 72 and 76 were deemed as being generic in the Office Action.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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